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Photo by Phil Ross

DO YOU KNOW THIS MAN? He may carry an American Express card but you know him best as... (Turn to page five to find out.)

Overdue library fines waived

The library administration has good news for anyone haunted by the prospect of paying fines on long-overdue books.

Since Ramsey Library has begun automating its recordkeeping system for overdue books, they are making an effort to clear up as many old accounts as possible.

Borrowers may return all overdue material without charge dur-

ing the three day period from Nov. 13 through Nov. 15.

According to an announcement submitted to the **Blue Banner** office, this is not an annual event but a once-in-a-lifetime chance to clear up records and guilty consciences before a computer with a relentlessly persistent memory grabs hold of both.

SGA proposes new method to encourage safer partying

By Michele Samuel

UNCA's student government is developing a new way to discourage students from drinking and driving, said SGA president Neal Rhoades last week.

The Designated Driver Program is ready to begin, said Rhoades.

Under this concept, "one person in a group of three or more people may voluntarily declare himself/herself a designated driver.

This driver is then entitled to free soda, provided that he/she doesn't drink alcohol, for the remainder of the time spent in the establishment," said Rhoades.

He said area nightclubs and bars are really interested because "with the new alcohol laws they have gotten a bad stereotype."

There has been such attention

drawn towards drinking and driving that it has really hurt their image, said Rhoades.

He emphasized that the program's purpose was not to encourage drinking, but to discourage irresponsible drinking and driving.

"By doing this we're not just encouraging people to go out and drink," he said. "This program brings students back out, but it brings them out in a safe way and a responsible way. It will encourage responsible drinking," said Rhoades."

Several owners of local clubs like the idea and have agreed to support it.

It is an excellent program, said Jeff Burleson, co-owner of Mack Kell's. "It can't do anything but help protect us legally."

The owner of Steven's Pub, continued on pg. 5

Hendon vows to fight against nuclear waste storage here

By David Proffitt

The office of Sen. Bill Hendon sponsored a public meeting Oct. 28 on the proposed construction of a permanent underground repository for high-level nuclear waste in western North Carolina, and Hendon vowed to "fight against it with all his resources."

The meeting, held in Hendersonville at Blue Ridge Technical College, is one of a series held at various locations across western North Carolina since July, 1983, and was attended by about 150 people.

Neal Rhoades, SGA president at UNCA, said he and the SGA presidents at Western Carolina University and Appalachian State University are trying to develop a formal statement or protest

against the construction of a nuclear waste repository in western North Carolina.

The Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 authorized the Department of Energy (DOE) to construct the first permanent repository and research possible sites for the second. The act requires the DOE to find a location that will remain stable for at least a thousand years, and some experts have raised doubts about the actual stability of geologic formations in this area.

A panel of six fielded questions from the audience. The members included Hendon, who acted as mediator, two men from the office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (CRWM), one from the Crystalline Repo-

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